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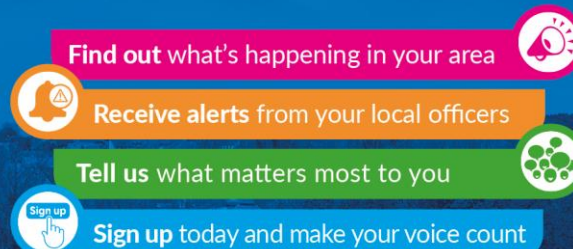
Good work story/stories

- Late 2024 and early into the new school year, a select few pupils at Holywell Primary School were picked to take part in only the second Police mini-cadets. The school and Kent police selected the 12 pupils who subsequently partook in a 9-week programme whereby once a week a police officer would lead a session. Over this period, pupils were able to get an insight into the daily life of a police officer, learn about different topics such as online safety, criminal age of responsibility, respect for others and the environment. They were taken to the police museum at Faversham police station, conducted a litter pick within Upchurch and taught about the importance of all taking responsibility for the environment we live in. They also received an input on the importance of being an upstander in the community and how they may be able to help someone in need.

At the end of this course, they all received a certificate at an awards ceremony but more importantly they enjoyed it and the personal development of each individual was clear.

- In April 2024 the community of Upchurch raised some concerns regarding a local resident and their wellbeing. Whilst there were some negative online posts, most involvement from the public was extremely positive and assisted greatly in what happened next. The person concerned had been moved by local authorities a long way from what they deemed home and where they had family support. The person couldn't drive and had limited means to have contact with their support network whilst suffering with mental health. The police raised these concerns with the appropriate Housing Authority and during this process the person received support from the Church and KCC Wardens following a police referral. They ensured the person's basic needs of food, water and shelter were met whilst a suitable outcome for all could be achieved.

In July 2024 the person was moved closer to their support network and their mental health improved significantly.



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Following this; the Housing Authority concerned, praised the patience of the community. Because they felt the manner this had been dealt with was one of a supportive nature; decided to review their selection process as to how and where people are housed so both the area and person suit each other.

- In August 2024 it was arranged that the lead investigator for Fraud in Kent Police, gave an input to 70+ local residents at the UpARA. This input was greatly received and hopefully better equipped local residents of a slightly older generation to protect themselves from both online and door to door fraud. I am always happy to organise events on request as to what is deemed will best help and equip the community in keeping themselves and others safe. I have good access to first aid/defibrillator trainers and Upstander trainers able to better equip people to be an active bystander. You don't have to confront a situation or someone to prevent a negative incident from occurring. Sometimes you only have to act as a deterrent through your presence or even through an unrelated action you may take.

Ongoing Incidents/Future Plans

- Off road motorbikes/quad bikes are still generating a lot of calls into the police around Swale, Kent and even nationally it is a problem. Whilst there have been some bike seizures and traffic offence reports issued, there has not really been any decrease in this issue. I am keen to locally get on top of it but often struggle without names and addresses of the people using these types of bikes in public. If I could ask again that if anyone knows anyone with these types of bikes whether they use them lawfully or not to pass me the details to 13369@kent.police.uk as I'd like to make contact with them. If I catch anyone committing an offence, I will deal with the offence, however breaking the anonymity of these people is the best way at reducing this problem.

Over the summer months there are plans for joint partnership operations tackling this type of incident which

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often poses a danger to the public and the riders themselves and often causes damage to play parks and fields.



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